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Dec 1, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5844554

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5844554 A

TITLE: Methods and systems for user interfaces and constraint handling
configurations software

DATE-ISSUED: December 1, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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Heyda; Michael S.	Duluth	GA		
Nees; Robert	Canton	GA		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
BT Squared Technologies, Inc.	Atlanta	GA			02

APPL-NO: 08/ 718645 [PALM]

DATE FILED: September 17, 1996

INT-CL: [06] G06 F 15/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 345/333; 345/335, 345/347, 345/962, 345/967

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345/968, 345/970, 345/335, 345/348, 345/962, 345/965, 705/1-4, 705/26, 705/29

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The advertising brochure "sellingPoint.TM.", Concentra Corporation, Burlington, MA. Except for the copyright notice date of 1995 printed on the brochure, the date of availability of this brochure and of the described item is not known. The advertising brochure "SalesLogic.TM.", OBJIX Systems Development, Inc. Except for the copyright notice date of 1996 printed on the brochure, the date of availability of this brochure and of the described item is not known. The advertising brochure "CLASSYS", Antalys. The date of availability of this brochure and of the described item is not known. A CD-ROM identified as "Calico Demos", Calico Technology, Inc., San Jose, California. The date of availability of Calico Technology's configurator software is not known, but is believed to be more than one year before the filing date of the present application.

ART-UNIT: 273

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Ba; Huynh

ABSTRACT:

A computer implemented method of generating a user product configuration program module from a development environment. The user product configuration program module includes user controls that allow user input of information for use in configuration computations. Methods are disclosed for creating and maintaining the logic for a configuration program module in the form of configuration parameters; creating and maintaining the visual controls and user interface; and linking created visual controls with underlying structure represented by the parameters. Parameters assume values and are indicated as valid or invalid through operation of constraints and queries. Further methods include display of parameter creation and selection windows, and query creation and selection windows for creating SQL queries to access data in external tables. Parameters, queries, and constraints can be displayed in

expandable and collapsible hierarchies, and quickly utilized formulas, queries, and logical expressions by clicking in an expanded hierarchical display. Dependencies occurring in the underlying configuration logic are evaluated in both the forward and reverse direction so as to provide for very fast execution of the resultant configuration program module when a user provides new data via a user control.

47 Claims, 50 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Mar 28, 1989

US-PAT-NO: 4817043

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4817043 A

TITLE: Information kiosk

DATE-ISSUED: March 28, 1989

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Brown; Johnny M.	Coralville	IA	52241	

APPL-NO: 07/ 213026 [PALM]

DATE FILED: June 28, 1988

INT-CL: [04] G06F 15/66

US-CL-ISSUED: 364/518; 346/154

US-CL-CURRENT: 345/810; 347/900, 358/1.12, 358/1.6

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 364/518-523, 358/300-302, 358/345, 358/347, 358/903, 346/160, 346/17R, 346/108, 346/154, 340/795-796, 340/809, 340/716

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ART-UNIT: 211

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Evans; Arthur G.

ABSTRACT:

An information kiosk is disclosed which provides interactive operation with an unfamiliar user. A video display provides instructions and solicited information to the user who enters choices on a keypad input device. The kiosk provides printed information which the user may carry away from the kiosk. Graphic as well as textual information is dispensed by the kiosk.

20 Claims, 4 Drawing figures

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L4: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

Jun 13, 1989

US-PAT-NO: 4839829

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4839829 A

TITLE: Automated printing control system

DATE-ISSUED: June 13, 1989

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Freedman; Henry B.	Lake Harmony	PA	18624	

APPL-NO: 06/ 927886 [PALM]

DATE FILED: November 5, 1986

INT-CL: [04] G06F 15/46

US-CL-ISSUED: 364/519; 101/248, 364/518

US-CL-CURRENT: 345/751; 101/248, 345/853, 345/961, 358/1.1, 358/1.15, 379/100.04,
379/93.17, 710/15, 715/527

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 364/518-521, 364/469, 364/470, 364/471, 101/248

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ART-UNIT: 231

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Harkcom; Gary V.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Herndon; H. R.

ABSTRACT:

A system for automated control of the printing of a work comprises a first terminal adapted for use by a printing requester for receiving from the requester a information concerning parameters for the printing of the work. A second terminal is adapted for use by a printing facility for receiving from the printing facility pricing and administrative information concerning the printing of a work. A programmed computer having a memory and input/output means is provided in communication with the first and second terminals. The computer interacts with the printing requester through the first terminal for receiving and storing the printing parameter information. The computer interacts with the printing facility for receiving and storing pricing and administrative information concerning the printing of the work. The pricing and administrative information is transmitted to the first terminal for use by the printing requester.

64 Claims, 6 Drawing figures

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L5: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

Oct 10, 1989

US-PAT-NO: 4873643

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4873643 A

TITLE: Interactive design terminal for custom imprinted articles

DATE-ISSUED: October 10, 1989

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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Crawford; Andrew S.	Ann Arbor	MI	48103	

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Crawford; Andrew S.	Ann Arbor	MI			04

APPL-NO: 07/ 111412 [PALM]

DATE FILED: October 22, 1987

INT-CL: [04] G06F 15/46

US-CL-ISSUED: 364/468; 364/188, 364/192, 364/470, 364/521

US-CL-CURRENT: 700/103; 345/632, 700/132, 700/87

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 364/468, 364/470, 364/474.24, 364/188, 364/189, 364/191-193, 364/514, 364/518, 364/519, 364/521, 364/513, 364/9MSFile, 340/723, 340/724

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ART-UNIT: 236

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Ruggiero; Joseph

ABSTRACT:

The present invention is an interactive design terminal for custom imprinted articles. A memory stores a plurality of print design elements and a set of design rules for combination of the design elements in accordance with selections made by

an operator. The interactive design terminal presents an ordered sequence of print design choices to the operator via a video display and preferably stores the results of the operator selections. The interactive design terminal provides a display of the operator selections, preferably in a graphics display of a depiction of the resulting imprinted article, and detects conflicts between operator selections.

18 Claims, 16 Drawing figures

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L6: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

Jul 30, 1991

US-PAT-NO: 5036472

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5036472 A

TITLE: Computer controlled machine for vending personalized products or the like

DATE-ISSUED: July 30, 1991

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Buckley; Stephen P.	Kansas City	MO		
Robinson; Richard A.	Parkville	MO		
Hurlburt; John H.	Lee's Summit	MO		
Pfahl; Kurt A.	Leawood	MO		
Doerflinger; Arthur E.	Kansas City	MO		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Hallmark Cards, Inc.	Kansas City	MO			02

APPL-NO: 07/ 282013 [PALM]

DATE FILED: December 8, 1988

INT-CL: [05] G06F 15/20

US-CL-ISSUED: 364/479; 364/468

US-CL-CURRENT: 700/233; 347/110, 700/234, 700/235

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 364/471, 364/478, 364/479, 364/519, 364/520, 364/518, 364/468, 221/9, 101/211, 414/793, 414/796

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ART-UNIT: 236

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Smith; Jerry

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Trammell; Jim

ABSTRACT:

A machine for vending greeting cards or other personalized or customized products includes audio and video presentations of available products and options available to a customer, provisions for payment and apparatus for automatic delivery of products. Base products such as preprinted forms are stored for selective transfer by a robot device to modifying apparatus such as a printer, modified products being delivered to a delivery receptacle, all operations being under computer control and being changeable as desired for adding or substituting new forms of products.

28 Claims, 17 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Aug 30, 1994

US-PAT-NO: 5343556

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5343556 A

TITLE: System for addressing envelopes

DATE-ISSUED: August 30, 1994

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Silverberg; Morton	Westport	CT		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Pitney Bowes Inc.	Stamford	CT			02

APPL-NO: 07/ 747581 [PALM]

DATE FILED: August 20, 1991

INT-CL: [05] G06F 15/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 395/111; 395/117

US-CL-CURRENT: 358/1.12; 358/1.18

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 395/117, 395/111, 395/101, 271/287-298, 355/308, 355/321, 355/325, 355/323, 358/498, 346/134

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ART-UNIT: 237

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Evans; Arthur G.

ABSTRACT:

A system for printing envelopes which includes a laser printer operating under control of a microcomputer. The printer includes a pair of parallel envelope paths for printing pairs of envelopes simultaneously, and also has a capability to print single envelopes as they are transported along the center line of the printer. The microcomputer controls the printer to print sequences of addresses on the envelopes. When envelope are printed in pairs the microcomputer forms subsequences of addresses which are printed on groups of envelopes so that the groups can be concatenated into larger groups with addresses in sequence. Movement through the printer is controlled by pairs of sensor which are "anded" and symmetrically spaced around the center line so that the sensors can control either a pair of envelopes or a single envelope transported along the center line of the printer.

15 Claims, 4 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Nov 14, 1995

US-PAT-NO: 5467434

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5467434 A

TITLE: Apparatus and method for determining printer option availability and representing conflict resolution in a combination of print job selections

DATE-ISSUED: November 14, 1995

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Hower, Jr.; John D.	Fairport	NY		
Campanella; Michael L.	Webster	NY		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Xerox Corporation	Stamford	CT			02

APPL-NO: 07/ 936477 [PALM]

DATE FILED: August 28, 1992

INT-CL: [06] G06 F 15/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 395/114; 395/112

US-CL-CURRENT: 358/1.15; 358/1.13

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 395/110, 395/114, 395/112, 395/109, 395/101, 395/200, 395/325, 395/500, 358/407, 358/408, 358/402, 358/467, 358/468, 400/70, 400/71, 400/72, 400/73, 400/74, 400/75, 355/200, 355/202, 355/210, 355/77

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ART-UNIT: 245

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Bayerl; Raymond J.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Popovici; Dov

ABSTRACT:

A printing arrangement of the type having a printer bank with a plurality of printers which are respectively associated with printer profiles and each of the printer profiles has a list of printer properties available at the printer with which the printer profile is associated. The printing arrangement includes: an input section, located remotely from the printer bank, with a user interface for programming a combination of print job selections and a memory section for storing a selected one of the printer profiles; and a combination examiner for comparing the programmed combination of print job selections from the user interface with a combination of printer properties available in the selected one of the printer profiles from the memory section. The combination of print job selections is transmitted to one of the plurality of printers associated with the selected one of the printer profiles when the combination of print job selections corresponds with the combination of printer properties available at the selected printer.

18 Claims, 20 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Sep 3, 1996

US-PAT-NO: 5552994

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5552994 A

TITLE: System for printing social expression cards in response to electronically transmitted orders

DATE-ISSUED: September 3, 1996

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Cannon; Thomas G.	Loveland	CO		
DeHart; Daniel L.	Loveland	CO		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Onkor, Ltd.	Loveland	CO			02

APPL-NO: 08/ 090803 [PALM]

DATE FILED: July 12, 1993

PARENT-CASE:

RELATED APPLICATION The present application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07/949,715 of Cannon, et al., entitled "System for Printing Social Expression Cards", filed on Sep. 23, 1992.

INT-CL: [06] G06 F 17/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 364/468.01; 364/479.03

US-CL-CURRENT: 700/95; 700/233

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 364/478, 364/479, 364/468, 364/401-412, 235/379, 235/381, 235/382, 235/383, 395/155-161

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ABSTRACT:

A system for viewing, ordering, and printing social expression cards includes a database preparation system, a number of card display/order systems, and a number of card printing systems. The database preparation system uses a scanner to input images from a plurality of cards, or a computer software program to create images for use in card designs. A card description database defines the layout of each card in terms of its component images and text, and their locations on the card. The database preparation system can also build a card parameter database to enable a user to select a desired category of cards. Each card display/order system accesses these databases and image files by computer network, modem, cable television, or by transfer of removable data storage media. The card display/order system allows the user to input parameters to pick the category of cards to be displayed. The user can order a selected card to be printed and input information to personalize the card. The order is electronically transmitted to a card printing- system which retrieves the data for the selected card and prints the card by means of a color printer.

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ABSTRACT:

A machine for delivering a product which may be automatically personalized by a customer at the time of purchase is disclosed. The product may be selected from a

plurality of different types of products which may communicate in a plurality of media such as print, braille, or audio or video tape. The machine stores base products which may be modified to communicate in a plurality of media. Product handling means effects a series of operations including transfer of a base product from storage. Electrically controllable modification means effects modification of the base product to produce a modified base product and electrically controllable delivery means effects delivery of the modified base product. An enclosure contains the storage and product handling means therewithin. The apparatus further comprises payment means operable by a customer on the outside of the enclosure to effect payment for a product and selection means operable by a customer on the outside of the enclosure to effect entry of control data which defines the customer's selection of the media form of the base product and modifications to be performed of the selected media form to define the desired final form of the personalized product to be delivered to the customer.

45 Claims, 23 Drawing figures

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L13: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

Nov 26, 1996

US-PAT-NO: 5579447

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5579447 A

TITLE: System for developing and displaying a representation of a total estimated time to print a job

DATE-ISSUED: November 26, 1996

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Salgado; David L.	Victor	NY		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Xerox Corporation	Stamford	CT			02

APPL-NO: 08/ 344915 [PALM]

DATE FILED: November 25, 1994

INT-CL: [06] G06 K 15/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 395/109; 395/114

US-CL-CURRENT: 358/1.9; 358/1.15

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 358/434, 358/401, 358/442, 358/449, 358/468, 358/296, 355/208, 355/209, 355/203, 395/109, 395/114

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FOREIGN-PAT-NO	PUBN-DATE	COUNTRY	US-CL
468762A3	January 1992	EP	
WO94/11804	May 1994	WO	

ART-UNIT: 266

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Rogers; Scott A.

ABSTRACT:

There is provided an apparatus for developing and displaying a representation of a total estimated time to print a job. The apparatus includes a user interface, with a display screen, for selectively programming the job with plural print related attributes, wherein selected ones of the print related attributes affecting a time required to print the job. The apparatus further includes a memory for storing the image data and the print related attributes as well as a processor for generating an estimated time to print value for each of the plural electronic pages based on the selected attributes programmed during said programming which affect the time required to print the job, the estimated time to print generating being performed prior to printing the job. In operation, the processor sums the values generated with the estimated time to print generating for obtaining a total estimated time to print, wherein the representation of the total estimated time to print is displayed on the display screen.

24 Claims, 10 Drawing figures

WEST

Generate Collection

Print

L14: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

Jan 20, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5709374

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5709374 A

TITLE: System for automatic print jobs separations in container with vertically projecting folders

DATE-ISSUED: January 20, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Taylor; Thomas N.	Rochester	NY		
Panos; Robert A.	Penfield	NY		
Bains; Sudarshan S.	Pittsford	NY		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Xerox Corporation	Stamford	CT			02

APPL-NO: 08/ 732760 [PALM]

DATE FILED: October 18, 1996

INT-CL: [06] B41 F 13/54, B65 H 39/02

US-CL-ISSUED: 270/1.02; 270/45, 270/52.03, 270/58.32

US-CL-CURRENT: 270/1.02; 270/45, 270/52.03, 270/58.32

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 270/1.01, 270/1.02, 270/45, 270/52.03, 270/58.07, 270/58.14, 270/58.31, 270/58.32

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FOREIGN-PAT-NO	PUBN-DATE	COUNTRY	US-CL
0547788	January 1993	EP	

ART-UNIT: 341

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Nguyen; Hoang

ABSTRACT:

In reproduction systems in which a printer outputs a plurality of different plural sheet print jobs, a system is provided for automatically separating respective print jobs into separate specially formed folders for respective print jobs and stacking a number of them into one or more specially shaped print jobs stacking containers, with the closed folders formed to extend above and provide clear distinctions and separations of their respective print jobs in the container so that a selected print job can be readily removed as a unit from the container. The folders may be on-line separately printed in tab areas and folded. The folding can be uneven or skewed or otherwise formed to be held above their contained print jobs even if the folder was from the same size paper stock.

5 Claims, 14 Drawing figures

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Print

L16: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

May 26, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5758327

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5758327 A

TITLE: Electronic requisition and authorization process

DATE-ISSUED: May 26, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Gardner; Ben D.	San Jose	CA	95128	
Folds; Wilbert S.	San Mateo	CA		
Roberto; Nora L.	Livermore	CA		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
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Roberto; Nora	Pleasanton	CA			04

APPL-NO: 08/ 551434 [PALM]

DATE FILED: November 1, 1995

INT-CL: [06] G06 F 17/60

US-CL-ISSUED: 705/26

US-CL-CURRENT: 705/26

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 395/226, 395/227, 395/50, 395/207, 395/210, 395/211, 395/235, 705/26, 705/27, 705/7, 705/10, 705/11, 705/35, 340/825.3, 340/825.34, 340/825.35, 235/375, 235/380, 235/381, 235/383

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ART-UNIT: 271

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Cosimano; Edward R.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Oh; Junghoon Kenneth

ABSTRACT:

A method of electronic requisition processing includes storing company-specific requisition rules and an electronic catalog on a central computer system located at a first site. The central computer system is linked to a number of companies by means of an external communications line, such as a telephone system-and-modem arrangement. A requester at one of the companies may identify one or more items to be ordered. In response to the requisition, the company with which the requestor is associated is determined, and the appropriate requisition rules for that company are implemented. If more than one item is identified, a requisition folder is formed in software to contain a number of requisitions. Also contained in the requisition folder are any required attachments, with each attachment being designated as being "internal" or "external" and as "confidential" or "non-confidential." The authorization process dictated by the requisition rules of the company are followed, with at least a portion of the process being executed electronically via the external communications line. If the purchase of items is authorized, an appropriate number of purchase orders are generated and are preferably transmitted to vendors electronically. The method isolates the companies from the vendors. In one embodiment, the payment process is also carried out in a manner that isolates the companies and the vendors. Vendors invoice the operators of the central computer system, who then invoice the companies.

14 Claims, 4 Drawing figures

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Generate Collection

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L17: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

Jul 7, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5778367

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5778367 A

TITLE: Automated on-line information service and directory, particularly for the world wide web

DATE-ISSUED: July 7, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Wesinger, Jr.; Ralph E.	San Jose	CA		
Coley; Christopher D.	Morgan Hill	CA		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Network Engineering Software, Inc.	San Jose	CA			02

APPL-NO: 08/ 572543 [PALM]

DATE FILED: December 14, 1995

INT-CL: [06] G06 F 17/30

US-CL-ISSUED: 707/10; 395/200.48, 395/200.47, 395/200.34, 395/200.33

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/10; 709/203, 709/204, 709/217, 709/218

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 395/610, 395/187.01, 395/182.02, 395/793, 395/200.48, 395/200.47, 395/200.33, 395/200.34, 707/10

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ART-UNIT: 271

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Lintz; Paul R.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Coby; Frantz

ABSTRACT:

A computer network and a database are used to provide a hardware-independent, dynamic information system in which the information content is entirely user-controlled. Requests are received from individual users of the computer network to electronically publish information, and input is accepted from the individual users. Entries from the users containing the information to be electronically published are automatically collected, classified and stored in the database in searchable and retrievable form. Entries are made freely accessible on the computer network. In response to user requests, the database is searched and entries are retrieved. Entries are served to users in a hardware-independent page description language. The entries are password protected, allowing users to retrieve and update entries by supplying a correct password. Preferably, the process is entirely automated with any necessary billing being performed by secure, on-line credit card processing. The user making a database entry has complete control of that entry both at the time the entry is made and in the future after the entry has been made. The entry, when served to a client, is transformed on-the-fly to the page description language. Where the page description language is HTML and the computer network is the World Wide Web, the entry may function as a "mini" homepage for the user that made the entry. Provision is made for graphics and other kinds of content besides text, taking advantage of the content-rich nature of the Web.

25 Claims, 25 Drawing figures

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L18: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

Aug 11, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5793964

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5793964 A

TITLE: Web browser system

DATE-ISSUED: August 11, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Rogers; Richard Michael	Beacon	NY		
Lagarde; Konrad Charles	Milford	CT		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE	CODE
International Business Machines Corporation	Armonk	NY				02

APPL-NO: 08/ 479481 [PALM]

DATE FILED: June 7, 1995

INT-CL: [06] G06 F 15/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 395/200.32; 395/200.79

US-CL-CURRENT: 709/202; 709/249

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 395/600, 395/200.1-200.21, 395/200.32, 395/200.79

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ART-UNIT: 271

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Sheikh; Ayaz R.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Myers; Paul R.

ABSTRACT:

A World Wide Web browser makes requests to web servers on a network which receive and fulfill requests as an agent of the browser client, organizing distributed sub-agents as distributed integration solution (DIS) servers on an intranet network supporting the web server which also has an access agent servers accessible over the Internet. DIS servers execute selected capsule objects which perform programmable functions upon a received command from a web server control program agent for retrieving, from a database gateway coupled to a plurality of database resources

upon a single request made from a Hypertext document, requested information from multiple data bases located at different types of databases geographically dispersed, performing calculations, formatting, and other services prior to reporting to the web browser or to other locations, in a selected format, as in a display, fax, printer, and to customer installations or to TV video subscribers, with account tracking.

30 Claims, 11 Drawing figures

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L19: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

Dec 1, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5845263

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5845263 A

TITLE: Interactive visual ordering system

DATE-ISSUED: December 1, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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Wadkins; E. Tracy	Santee	CA		
Gayda; Karen M.	Bonsall	CA		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
High Technology Solutions, Inc.	San Diego	CA			02

APPL-NO: 08/ 491582 [PALM]

DATE FILED: June 16, 1995

INT-CL: [06] G06 F 17/60

US-CL-ISSUED: 705/27; 705/15

US-CL-CURRENT: 705/27; 705/15

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 395/205, 395/215, 395/216, 395/221, 395/226, 395/227, 395/239, 364/464.01, 186/38, 186/39, 186/44, 705/5, 705/15, 705/16, 705/21, 705/26, 705/27, 705/39

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ART-UNIT: 271

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Cosimano; Edward R.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Bainbridge; Barton L.

ABSTRACT:

A portable interactive visual ordering system and method utilizing full-color images. The system may be used by a restaurant to facilitate ordering menu items by a customer. The customer can request the system to display full-color images of a menu item as a help to decide what to order. The customer can also obtain a list of ingredients, method of preparation and nutritional information for a selected menu item. When the customer decides to order a particular menu item, the system captures the ordered item and tabulates a running bill. In another embodiment of the system, multiple visual ordering devices are networked together at the restaurant. An option in the networked system is to allow the customer to pay the bill by a credit card or debit means at his/her table. The system enables businesses to reduce labor costs in running the business and provides the customer with more information at the point of sale to make a more informed decision.

15 Claims, 15 Drawing figures

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L20: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

Jul 27, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 5930810

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5930810 A

TITLE: Printing system with pre-defined user modifiable forms and local and remote printing

DATE-ISSUED: July 27, 1999

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Farros; Royal P.	Menlo Park	CA		
Schuyler; James A.	San Francisco	CA		
Babcock; Gaylon W.	El Granada	CA		
Finn; Michael J.	White Bear Lake	MN		
Sax; Michael N.	Shroeview	MN		
Johnson; Alan D.	New Brighton	MN		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Taylor Corporation	North Mankato	MN			02

APPL-NO: 08/ 512983 [PALM]

DATE FILED: August 9, 1995

INT-CL: [06] G06 F 17/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 707/506; 707/508, 707/517, 707/527, 364/479.05, 235/381

US-CL-CURRENT: 715/506; 235/381, 700/235

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 395/766, 395/961, 395/962, 395/226, 395/227, 395/326, 395/339, 395/352, 395/353, 395/354, 395/788, 395/789, 364/479.01, 364/479.02, 364/479.03, 364/479.04, 364/479.05, 358/527, 345/326, 345/339, 345/352, 345/353, 345/354, 707/517, 707/506, 707/527, 235/381

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ART-UNIT: 276

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Feild; Joseph H.

ABSTRACT:

A printing system operates on a computer system to enable creation of a variety of printed products. The printing system takes either a kiosk form or a personal system form. The printing system contains a variety of definitions of products in its storage which may be selected and modified by a user. The user may alter a plurality of aspects of the selected product including the layout of the product, the graphics of the product and different aspects of the textual information to be printed on the product to personalize the product. Upon completion of personalization of the product, the printing system provides the user with a plurality of order and transmission options which allow certain products to be printed locally, and which allows certain products to be printed by a remotely located printing facility. The user may create a print order which is transmitted in one of two manners to the remote printing facility. Payment information including credit card information may also be entered for payment of products printed by the remote printing facility.

2 Claims, 15 Drawing figures

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5937393 A

TITLE: Order processing method in a distributed processing system with local validation and dynamic control of the order request through a configuration matrix

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FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 705/21, 705/16, 705/26, 705/27, 235/380, 235/383, 395/200.68

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ABSTRACT:

An order processing method for implementation in a distributed computer system is described. An order create request is received from a user at a local station, validated locally and routed to a remote station for authorization. Connection between local and remote stations may be of any type. Progress of an order is tracked by a configuration matrix, and communication is tracked and controlled by a router slip appended to an order message and which is in turn governed by the matrix. The matrix allows selection of a current control register which governs applicability of validation routines to data entities of the request or order. Paper handling is reduced or eliminated and sufficient control for decentralised purchasing is achieved.

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RELATED APPLICATIONS This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/016,330 filed on May 3, 1996, the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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ART-UNIT: 272

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ABSTRACT:

An automated system transitions an entire enterprise to a distributed infrastructure. The system includes a process for organizing and managing the transition, a multi-tiered client/server architecture that adheres to open systems standards, a system to automate the transition of existing applications to this architecture, and a system to enable the creation or modification of applications based on this architecture.

54 Claims, 36 Drawing figures

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ART-UNIT: 274

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Trammell; James P.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Nguyen; Cuong H.

ABSTRACT:

An object oriented programming (OOP) framework includes an Order Management (OM) mechanism that tracks sales orders received and matches them to warehouse inventory, a Sales Order (SA) mechanism that processes sales orders, and a Purchase Order (PU) mechanism that processes purchase orders. The OM mechanism comprises a category of OOP classes that provide the primary interface between the framework classes and underlying business objects that provide accounting functions and warehouse management interfaces, and the SA and PU mechanisms comprise respective categories of OOP classes that keep track of sales orders received and purchase orders issued.

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L24: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

Jun 13, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6076091

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6076091 A

TITLE: Method and system for providing a flexible and extensible database
interactive on-line electronic catalog

DATE-ISSUED: June 13, 2000

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DATE FILED: December 9, 1997

PARENT-CASE:

This application was filed as U.S. Provisional application No. 60/032,543 on Dec. 10, 1996.

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ART-UNIT: 277

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ABSTRACT:

An on-line interactive catalog system having a plurality of catalog agent metaphors (CAM's), each comprising a set of components, portions of a knowledge representation and a design for the creation of components, facilitating the creation of different forms of interactions with an electronic catalog knowledge representation. The CAM's further provide a methodology in which rich knowledge representations about cataloged information can be created iteratively. The creation of the knowledge representation or information model for the electronic catalog is driven by a particular set of desired interactions, thereby providing a unique approach to the creation and dynamic maintenance of electronic catalogs, information models and user interfaces. The CAM system also provides a method for providing flexible catalogs, allowing for simple interaction metaphors having simple information and modeling requirements to be created and become operational without overwhelming design demands, while still providing for dynamic flexible growth and extensibility of the product knowledge representation and interaction approaches.

26 Claims, 13 Drawing figures

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Oct 17, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6133985

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6133985 A

TITLE: Method of processing digital images and distributing visual prints produced from the digital images

DATE-ISSUED: October 17, 2000

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APPL-NO: 09/ 310301 [PALM]

DATE FILED: May 12, 1999

PARENT-CASE:

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/773,756, entitled A Method Of Processing Digital Images And Distributing Visual Prints Produced From The Digital Images, filed Dec. 24, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,017,157, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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US-CL-CURRENT: 355/40; 355/70, 396/429, 396/639

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ART-UNIT: 281

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Matthews; Alan A.

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ABSTRACT:

This invention is directed to a method of processing at least one digital image of at least one photographic image and distributing at least one visual print produced from the at least one digital image. The method includes the steps of storing at least one digital image of at least one photographic image on at least one image server at a first location. Selective authorized access to the at least one digital image of the at least one photographic image from a second location is then facilitated. Orders are received for at least one visual print of the at least one photographic image from the second location. Based upon the orders at least one visual image is produced from the stored digital image at the first location in response to the at least one order.

29 Claims, 20 Drawing figures

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L26: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

May 1, 2001

US-PAT-NO: 6224048

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6224048 B1

TITLE: Mixed format document finishing system responsive to a single page having an encoded document assembly specification

DATE-ISSUED: May 1, 2001

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ABSTRACT:

A hybrid mixed format document that contains document portions prepared by different format sources, such as both black and white and colored pages, prepared by separately printing the colored pages on a color printer, and the black and white pages on a black and white printer. The two document portions are then put in separate locations within a mixed format finishing device. One of the document portions, for example the black and white document portion, includes a cover sheet that provides encoded information, which tells the finishing device how to merge the two document portions into a complete publication. One advantage of the mixed format finishing device is that those pages that contain only text may be printed on a faster, and less costly black and white printer. In a preferred embodiment, the cover sheet controls the document merging process in such a manner that if one document is misprinted or mismerged, the mismerged document may be shuttled aside and merging may continue with the next complete document set.

22 Claims, 8 Drawing figures

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6226788 B1

TITLE: Extensible network management system

DATE-ISSUED: May 1, 2001

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ART-UNIT: 212

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ABSTRACT:

In a network management system, a method and apparatus for preparing a computer program for execution in relation to a particular network device among a plurality of network devices having a plurality of device types is provided. Each network device is associated with a device type value, and each network device has an associated device mapper. The device mappers are stored in a hierarchical structure that reflects a functional relationship or family relationship of the devices. Functions to be carried out by one or more devices are expressed as a plurality of executable program components. Preferably, each executable program component has one or more classes that define executable functions. Each device mapper associates a device type value with one or more overridden classes in the executable program components and one or more overriding classes. At runtime, device type values are acquired for each device in the managed network. For each device type, one or more functions are assembled using only the executable program components associated with that device type. Based on the device mapper of that device type, classes in the executable program components are overridden and the overriding classes are substituted. As a result, at runtime the network management system integrates into itself executable program components for new devices.

44 Claims, 36 Drawing figures

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6320671 B1

TITLE: Web browser printing enhancements

DATE-ISSUED: November 20, 2001

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ART-UNIT: 262

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Coles; Edward

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ABSTRACT:

A method and system for printing web pages from an intra- or internet source with a client computer. The client computer is capable of accessing and viewing a web page from an intra- or internet source and has access to a program storage. The program storage device includes (i) an HTML source file containing a list of printable web pages and (ii) a program of instructions executable by the computer at a predetermined, modifiable time to print web pages from the intra- or internet source with the client computer. The program selects one or more of the printable web pages from the HTML source file, accesses the web pages selected from the HTML source file, and prints the accessed web pages. The printable web pages may be accessed on different levels of hierarchy in HTML files. The storage device also contains a plurality of different lists of printable web pages and a menu of each of the lists, whereby the method includes selecting from the menu a desired list and providing an HTML source file containing the desired list of printable web pages.

22 Claims, 5 Drawing figures

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L29: Entry 1 of 2

File: USPT

Dec 18, 2001

US-PAT-NO: 6332146

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6332146 B1

TITLE: Method and apparatus for storing and printing digital images

DATE-ISSUED: December 18, 2001

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 09/ 619188 [PALM]

DATE FILED: July 19, 2000

PARENT-CASE:

This is a Continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/908,046, filed Aug. 11, 1997.

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US-CL-ISSUED: 707/104; 707/3, 707/10, 707/102, 705/26, 705/27, 345/428

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/104.1; 345/428, 705/26, 705/27, 707/10, 707/102, 707/3

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 707/3, 707/10, 707/102, 707/104, 707/530, 705/27, 705/33, 705/42, 705/26, 345/132, 345/302, 345/418, 345/428, 382/284, 382/276, 382/249, 386/124, 355/40, 355/70, 396/639

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ART-UNIT: 212

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ABSTRACT:

A digital data management and order delivery system is provided. The system includes a storage device for storing digital data and a searching engine for developing a subset of the digital data stored in the storage device in response to inputs received from a first user. The system is also provided with a job order developer responsive to inputs received from the first user for developing a job order which includes: a) at least one copy of the digital data contained in the subset and identified by the first user; and b) a file containing information developed by the first user outside the system. In addition, the system includes a router for electronically routing the job order compiled by the job order developer to a second user specified by the first user.

25 Claims, 27 Drawing figures

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Feb 5, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6345288

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6345288 B1

TITLE: Computer-based communication system and method using metadata defining a control-structure

DATE-ISSUED: February 5, 2002

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DATE FILED: May 15, 2000

PARENT-CASE:

This application is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 08/609,115, filed Feb. 29, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,044,205 and continuation of application Ser. No. 09/143,888, filed Aug. 31, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,088,717.

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ART-UNIT: 2154

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Maung; Zarni

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ABSTRACT:

An automated communications system operates to transfer data, metadata and methods from a provider computer to a consumer computer through a communications network. The transferred information controls the communications relationship, including responses by the consumer computer, updating of information, and processes for future communications. Information which changes in the provider computer is automatically updated in the consumer computer through the communications system in order to maintain continuity of the relationship. Transfer of metadata and methods permits intelligent processing of information by the consumer computer and combined control by the provider and consumer of the types and content of information subsequently transferred. Object oriented processing is used for storage and transfer of information. The use of metadata and methods further allows for automating many of the actions underlying the communications, including communication acknowledgements and archiving of information. Service objects and partner servers provide specialized data, metadata, and methods to providers and consumers to automate many common communications services and transactions useful to both providers and consumers. A combination of the provider and consumer programs and databases allows for additional functionality, including coordination of multiple users for a single database.

19 Claims, 58 Drawing figures

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US-PAT-NO: 6415277

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6415277 B1

TITLE: Method of generating print production tasks using information extracted from enterprise databases

DATE-ISSUED: July 2, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 09/ 479668 [PALM]

DATE FILED: January 10, 2000

PARENT-CASE:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION This application is related in subject matter to co-pending U.S. application Ser. No. 09/460,307 now pending; entitled "System and File Structure for Consistent Visual Medium Materials," which was filed on Dec. 13, 1999. That application is incorporated by reference herein.

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ART-UNIT: 2771

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Coby; Frantz

ABSTRACT:

Information stored in a corporate database is monitored and used to determine when certain business-related events have occurred. Event information is transmitted over the Internet to a print production facility, where it is used to fire one or more event rules, which in turn automatically generate print requisitions or print production orders. In one variation, print requisitions are routed through an existing and commercially available procurement system before a print production order is generated. The system can monitor and handle events from multiple corporations, each having its own business-related event rules, and each potentially having its own procurement approval system.

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Aug 6, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6429947

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6429947 B1

TITLE: Automated, hosted prepress application

DATE-ISSUED: August 6, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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DATE FILED: January 10, 2000

PARENT-CASE:

This application is related to U.S. patent applications Ser. Nos. 09/480,185, 09/480,332, 09/480,333, 09/480,334, 09/480,335, 09/480,645, 09/480,820, 09/480,821, 09/480,869, 09/480,881, 09/480,980, 09/480,987, 09/481,007, 09/481,010, 09/481,372 and 09/481,550, filed on the same date herewith, which are hereby incorporated by reference. This application is also related to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/460,307 filed on Dec. 13, 1999, entitled "System and File Structure for Consistent Visual Medium Materials."

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ART-UNIT: 2624

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Popovici; Dov

ABSTRACT:

An on-line automated printing system quickly produces consistent printed materials. The system includes front-end customer setup and product setup modules available on a web server. A Print Ready File is produced embodying the product to be printed. The Print Ready File is compiled and all operations on the file can be completed via reference to the information contained therein. A state flag is associated with each element of the file, the flag having states such as preview, print, both, or none. The file is stored on an asset management file server. The file (unchanged) may be previewed or printed using internal flags and logic built-in to the PostScript language. A batcher service batches print jobs. A plater service accepts the Print Ready Files and outputs a plate file to a print vendor's ordering system. Over the Internet the plate file is sent to a vendor computer. The plate file is sent to a raster image processor (RIP) which outputs a bitmap to be printed. Included within the system are any number of hosted prepress applications, each a subsystem. A client application requests processing of a file by one of the subsystems. The client sends the parameters along with input and output files to a master service. The master service selects a lower-level service for conversion. A prepress application module (with hardcoded parameters) processes the file and outputs the result.

6 Claims, 41 Drawing figures

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6466326 B1

TITLE: Printer and printing method

DATE-ISSUED: October 15, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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ART-UNIT: 2622

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Evans; Arthur G.

ABSTRACT:

Print requests issued by an interpretation section 13 are stored in an execution or wait queue of a storage section 21 by way of a print request receiving section 22. The print requests stored in the execution queue are input to an engine control section 15. When a report of completion of printing is issued by the engine control section 15, the print requests for which printing has been performed are deleted from the execution queue. In a case where collation printing is specified for the print requests, the print requests for which printing has been performed are transferred from the execution queue to the collation queue and stored therein. Every time one copy of the print job is completed, the print requests stored in the collation queue are again transferred to the execution queue. Collation printing can be embodied by transfer of the print requests between the execution queue and the collation queue.

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TITLE: Apparatus for printing information automatically combined from two different sources

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PARENT-CASE:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION This application is a continuation and is related in subject matter to co-pending U.S. application Ser. No. 09/460,307 now pending, entitled "System and File Structure for Consistent Visual Medium Materials," which was filed on Dec. 13, 1999. That application is incorporated by reference herein.

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ART-UNIT: 2175

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Rones; Charles L.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Pardo; Thuy

ABSTRACT:

Information stored in a corporate database is monitored and used to determine when certain business-related events have occurred. Event information is transmitted over the Internet to a print production facility, where it is used to fire one or more event rules, which in turn automatically generate print requisitions or print production orders. In one variation, print requisitions are routed through an existing and commercially available procurement system before a print production order is generated. The system can monitor and handle events from multiple corporations, each having its own business-related event rules, and each potentially having its own procurement approval system.

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